

WHAT SHOULD MY CHILD BE ABLE TO DO BY KINDERGARTEN AGE?

This question is frequently asked by parents of Kindergarten age children. Because there is no “typical” child, there is no specific number of accomplishments a child this age should be able to achieve.

In addition, the age of children entering Kindergarten differs by as much as a full year. This is another reason why all Kindergarten children cannot be expected to achieve on the same level. This is noticeable in children’s drawings - no two look the same!

However, most children entering Kindergarten are able to:

- *Hang up sweater, coat or jacket without help*



- *Be away from parents for a few hours without obvious fear*
- *Be understood by strangers*
- *Name most of the parts of the body (arms, legs, feet, etc.)*
- *Take care of toilet needs without help and avoid toileting accidents*
- *Bounce a ball*

- *Show familiarity with some nursery rhymes, fairy tales, or stories*
- *Enter a new activity without fear*
- *Walk downstairs placing one foot on each stair*
- *Accept minor disappointments without tears*
- *Sing some songs*
- *Put together a simple puzzle*
- *Listen quietly to a story*



- *Tell their first and last names*
- *Know some colours*
- *State their age (without holding up fingers)*



- *Button buttons in correct holes*
- *Start own play activity*
- *Speak in sentences of more than 2 words*
- *Handle books right side up*
- *Turn one page at a time*